# **Greater Valdosta United Way Serving South Georgia**



# March 2023 News

# Leader Giver Dinner

On Monday, February 27, GVUW held our annual Leader Giver Dinner for those who donate \$1,000 or more to our organization each year. Thanks to your contributions to our campaign, we were able to reach 105% of our goal, which will be distributed to our partner nonprofits to support their programs and services along with internal GVUW programs.

GVUW would like to thank **Mom and Dads Italian Restaurant** for providing us with dinner and being a part of a wonderful evening.





#### What's To Come

Decisions on which programs and services GVUW will fund has been decided on by the Community Investment Committee. Funding will begin March 1. GVUW is currently partnered with 22 nonprofits supporting over 40 programs this year!

Please join us in a BIG welcome to our newest partner nonprofits! Beautiful Creations and Magnolia House



#### Spring Day of Caring

Our Spring Day of Caring will take place on Friday, May 19 at Unity Park Amphitheatre.

Day of Caring is an event where volunteers from the community participate in projects at our partner nonprofit agencies.

More information about how to get involved in Day of Caring will be coming out soon!

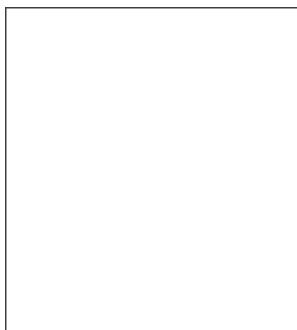
#### Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber Annual Awards Banquet

It was such an honor to be nominated as nonprofit of the year at the Chamber Annual Awards Gala. We would like to congratulate everyone nominated and those who took home awards that evening!





# February Highlights





February was Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, and in support of **The Haven** the GVUW team "Chalked About Love." Chalk about love is an opportunity for businesses



Two members of the Westside Elementary Junior Beta Club surprised us with pantry items earlier this month. These two community members organized a neighborhood food drive that collected over 200 food items! We were grateful to meet them and be a part of their community service efforts. to raise awareness for teen dating violence.





Our board members and local community leaders conducted interviews for nonprofits applying for funding through GVUW this month. Nonprofits had the opportunity to stand before a committee to discuss their organization's programs, capacity, and stability.

To learn more about how you can be a part of this process in the future, or to apply to be a board member, check out our website at **unitedwayvaldosta.org**!

Thank you to **Rainwater Conference Center** for allowing us to hold our interviews in a great event space!





Through the efforts of GVUW, students from Georgia Christian School gave their time to volunteer at Second Harvest of South Georgia on February 22. Their group had over 40 volunteers filling food boxes for senior citizens. Thank you all for your time and hard work!

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# Sponsorship Opportunities For 2023

We are currently showcasing a new sponsorship opportunity model for supporters of United Way. There are four different levels that provide sponsors continuous promotion throughout the year.

For questions, contact us at <a href="local-address-contact-local-

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\*Additional sponsorship-level funds will be used to support the annual campaign and disaster / emergency assistance.

Our mission at Greater Valdosta United Way is to make an impact in South Georgia by mobilizing the caring power of the community. We are sincerely grateful to those who donate their time, talents, and treasure to the Greater Valdosta United Way. We look forward to collaborating and connecting with you this year!

### **Upcoming Events**

March 25: Jacobs' Ladder Horse Show

March 30: Red Cross "Dining for Disaster"

April 15: Girls On The Run Spring 5K

May 13: NALC Annual Food Drive at Second Harvest

May 19: GVUW Spring Day of Caring

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